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SECOND GREEN REVOLUTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has drawn out and adopted a seven point strategy to realizing the Second Green Revolution as expressed by the Prime Minister at a recently held Conference on Agriculture for food, Nutritional Security and Rural Growth as reported in the Hindustan Times dated May 28, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the role assigned to the States and the Centre thereunder; and

(c) the time-frame contemplated therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): It is widely recognized that the soil health enhancement, sustainable and equitable use of water, affordable credit & crop insurance, development and dissemination of appropriate technologies, improved marketing infrastructure, application of science and biotechnology for improved variety of seeds & enhancement of productivity of livestock and poultry constitute the core areas that need to be given increased emphasis to revitalize the agriculture and its allied sectors.

It is the endeavour of the Government to bring in improvements in the existing policies and programmes for achieving accelerated and sustainable growth of these sectors. However, agriculture being a State subject, the State Governments are primarily responsible for implementation of the policies and programmes for development of agriculture in their respective States. At the Centre, the Union Government recognizes its responsibility towards farmers and the agriculture sector and accordingly it supplements the efforts of the State to enhance agriculture production and productivity through various schemes and programmes to raise the income of the farmers and augment their living standards.